

Michigan is blessed with an abundance of cold, quality trout waters offering 38,000 plus miles of rivers and streams, including over 12,500 miles of classified trout streams. Remarkably, 868 miles are considered premier top-quality streams, which Michigan classifies as its Blue Ribbon Trout Streams (BRTS).

A Blue Ribbon Trout Stream must meet certain standards or criteria. It must be one of Michigan's best trout streams, be able to support excellent stocks of wild resident trout, have the physical characteristics to permit fly casting but be shallow enough to wade, produce diverse insect life and good fly hatches, have earned a reputation for providing an excellent (quality) trout fishing experience, and have excellent water quality.

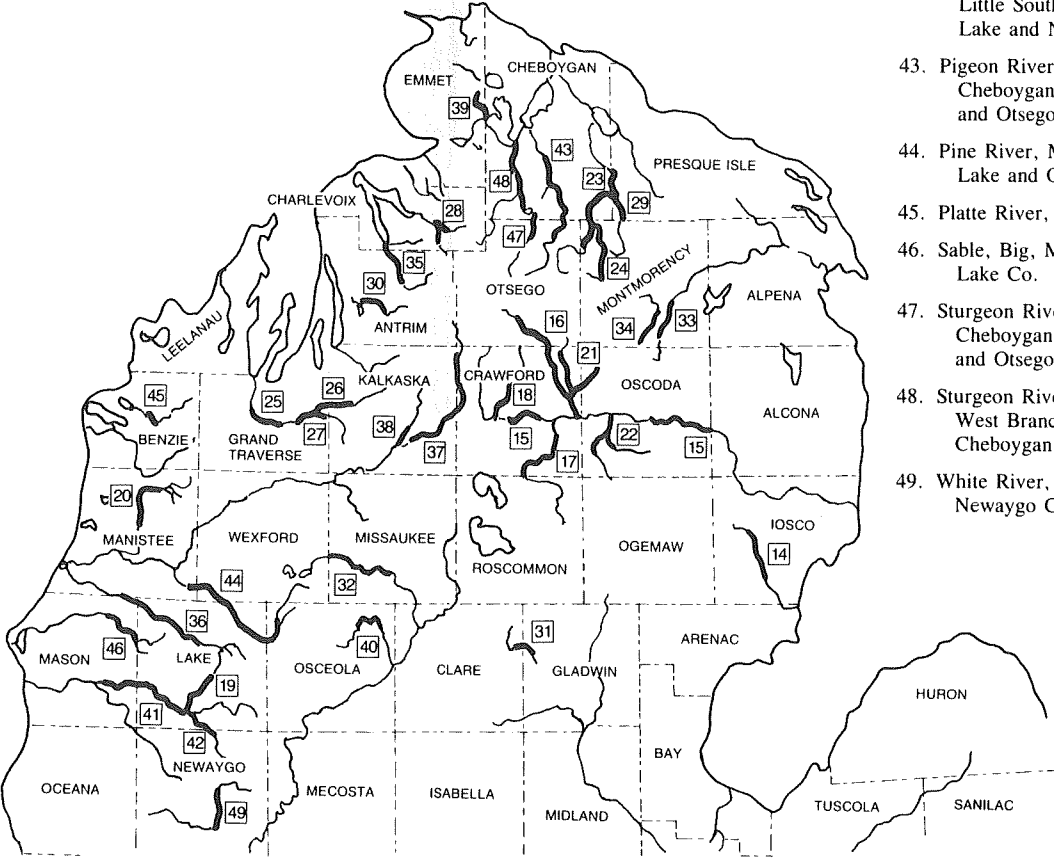
Management of Blue Ribbon Streams by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is directed toward accommodating the needs of trout anglers, maintaining strong stocks of wild resident trout that best suit the character of each stream, maintaining and enhancing trout habitat and the natural stream environment, providing adequate public access and public frontage, and preparing appropriate informational materials on these special Blue Ribbon Trout Streams of Michigan.

Blue Ribbon Trout Streams
Lower Peninsula

Stream and County	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit	Miles
14. AuGres, East Branch, Iosco Co.	Junction of Hale Creek and Smith Creek	Whittemore Road	12
15. Au Sable, Main Branch Crawford and Oscoda Co.	Upper Section Co. 612	Upper Section Luzerne Co. Pk.	79
	Lower Section Mio Dam	Lower Section Alcona Line	17
16. AuSable, North Branch Crawford and Otsego Co.	Dam No. 2	Main Branch AuSable	24
17. AuSable, South Branch Crawford and Roscommon Co	Roscommon	Main Branch AuSable	19
18. AuSable, East Branch, Crawford Co.	Lewiston Grade Road	Main Branch AuSable	7
19. Baldwin Creek, Lake Co.	24th Street	Pere Marquette R.	12
20. Bear Creek, Manistee Co.	Junction with 3rd Creek (T24N, R14W, Sec. 24)	Nine Mile Road	15
21. Big Creek, West and East Branche, Crawford Co.	East Branch County Line	N. Branch AuSable	7
	West Branch Townline Road	N. Branch AuSable	6
22. Big Creek, Middle, West and East Branches, Oscoda Co.	West Branch Junction with Hunt Creek	Main Branch AuSable	15
	East Branch T25N, R2E, Sec. 6	Main Branch AuSable	5
23. Black River, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Montmorency and Otsego Co.	McKinnon's Bend (T32N, R1W, Sec. 33)	Cheboygan/Presque Isle County Line (T39N, R1E, Sec. 24)	41

24. Black River, East Branch, Montmorency Co.	T31N, R1E, Sec. 26	Junction with Black River, Main Branch	13
25. Boardman River, Grand Traverse Co.	Junction with N. & S. Branches	T26N, R11W, Sec. 3	18
26. Boardman River, N. Br., Grand Traverse and Kalkaska Co.	Junction with Crafton Creek	T26N, R9W, Sec. 4	10
27. Boardman River, S. Br., Grand Traverse and Kalkaska Co.	Boardman River Road	T26N, R9W, Sec. 4	8
28. Boyne River, Charlevoix Co.	North Branch Hudson Road	T32N, R5W, Sec. 8	4
	Main Branch Metros Road	T32N, R5W, Sec. 8	
29. Canada Creek, Presque Isle and Montmorency Co.	Junction with Montague Creek (T32N, R2E, Sec. 8)	Cheboygan County Line	12
30. Cedar River, Antrim Co.	Stover Pond	Bellaire	4
31. Cedar River, Clare & Gladwin Co.	Junction with Mid. Br. (T19N, R3W, Sec. 14)	Bard Road (Gladwin Co.)	3.5

32. Clam River, Missaukee Co.	Wexford Co. Line	Turnerville Road	19
33. Gilchrist Creek, Montmorency Co.	Branch of Greasey Creek (T29N, R3E, Sec. 27)	Thunder Bay River	8
34. Hunt Creek Montmorency Co.	Research Station	Thunder Bay River	10
35. Jordan River, Antrim Co.	Junction with Green River	Charlevoix Co. Line	9
36. Little Manistee River, Mason and Lake Co.	County Road 633	Manistee Co. Line	31
37. Manistee River, Kalkaska and Crawford Co.	Deward Area (T28N, R4W, Sec. 7)	Junction with North Branch Big Manistee	36
38. Manistee River, North Branch, Kalkaska Co.	Mecum Road	Junction with Big Manistee	4
39. Maple River, Emmet Co.	Maple River Dam	Cheboygan Co. Line	4
40. Middle Branch River, Osceola Co.	T20N, R7W, Sec. 19	Marion Pond	6
41. Pere Marquette River, Mason and Lake Co.	Broadway Road (USFS 5132)	Indian Bridge (T18N, R16W, Sec. 23)	39
42. Pere Marquette River, Little South Branch, Lake and Newaygo Co.	Curtis Bridge (T16N R12W, Sec. 8)	Pere Marquette R.	9.5
43. Pigeon River, Cheboygan and Otsego Co.	T32N, R2W, Sec. 25-26 Boundary	M-68	31
44. Pine River, Manistee, Lake and Osceola Co.	Juncture of North and East Branch of Pine	Tippy Pond	57
45. Platte River, Benzie Co.	Maple City Road	Honor	6
46. Sable, Big, Mason and Lake Co.	USFS Road 51199	USFS 5205 Road	12
47. Sturgeon River, Cheboygan and Otsego Co.	Sturgeon Valley Road	Burt Lake	21
48. Sturgeon River, West Branch, Cheboygan Co.	Wilderness Road T33N, R3W, Sec. 28)	Sturgeon River	12
49. White River, Newaygo Co.	USFS 5276 (T14N, R12W, Sec. 4)	Baseline Road at White Cloud	7.5
Total Mileage			874.0



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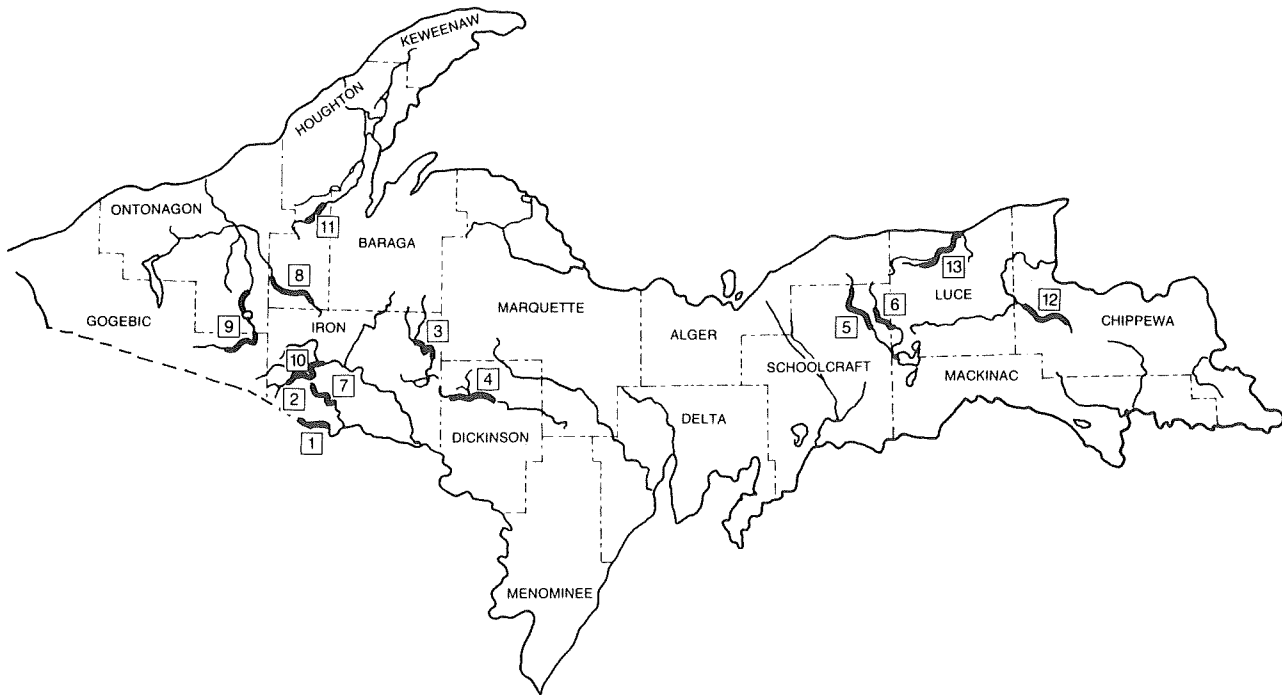
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Blue Ribbon Trout Streams
Upper Peninsula

Stream and County	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit	Miles
1. Brule River, Iron Co.	M-73	M-189	12.5
2. Cooks Run, Iron Co.	US-2	Paint River	6
3. Fence River, Iron Co.	Junction with E. Branch (T45N, R31W, Sec. 12)	T45N, R13W, Sec. 35	12
4. Ford River, Dickinson Co.	T43N, R30W, Sec. 15	Henderson	16
5. Fox River, Schoolcraft Co.	Spring Pond (T47N, R14W Sec. 16)	Seney	18
6. Fox River, East Branch, Schoolcraft Co.	M-77	Luce County Line	15
7. Iron River, Iron Co.	Raft Lake	Iron River	12.5
8. Ontonagon River, East Branch, Houghton Co.	Lower Dam Falls	Sparrow Rapids	13
9. Ontonagon River Middle Branch, Gogebic and Ontonagon Co.	Upper Section R45N, R39W Sec. 19 Lower Section Bond Falls	Upper Section Ontonagon Co. Line Lower Section M-28	12 10.5
10. Paint River, Iron Co.	USFS 149	Gibbs City	18
11. Sturgeon River, West Branch, Houghton Co.	W. Br. Sturgeon Falls	M-38	5
12. Tahquamenon River, East Branch, Chippewa Co.	Strong's Corner	T46N, R7W, Sec. 9 (near Buckhorn Camp)	19
13. Two Hearted River, Luce Co.	T48N, R12W, Sec. 12	Junction with East Br. Two Hearted	36

Responsible Angling

Many ethical standards for fishing are dictated by law. More often, however, the ethical fishing standards are of individual choice and, at this point, remain so. If additional laws are not to be imposed, the responsible angler must work hard to abate the many abuses of these privileges now occurring.

Ethical angling includes showing respect and appreciation for the rights of other anglers. On public waters, the ethical angler is always considerate of fellow anglers and complies with fishing regulations, including receiving permission to enter onto private property.

The ethical angler shows respect for the resource. They understand that fishing is for fun and that fishing is not measured by the size of the catch but by the pleasure of catching the fish. Ethical anglers keep only those fish intended for use, releasing all others safely back to the water.

Ethical anglers know and understand the fishing laws. They keep abreast of all changes and support good conservation measures. They take a strong stand against littering and pollution and police their own ranks by keeping their friends on the "straight and narrow" path of true sportsmanship and by reporting illegal incidents to the proper authorities.

Ethical anglers share their knowledge and love of fishing with others by example and by helping others share in the excitement and pleasure of the sport.

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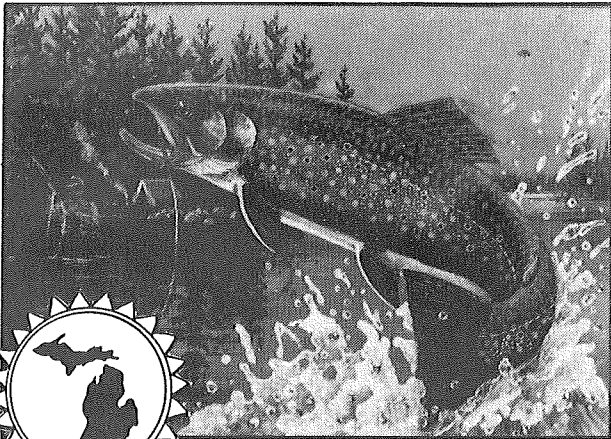
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